

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: To be Assigned (Divisional of U.S. Serial No. 10/170,721)	Examiner : SOLOLA TAOFIQ A
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For: NOVEL PROCESS FOR PREPARING RAC-BICALUTAMIDE AND ITS  
INTERMEDIATES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 8, 2004

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Applicants submit herewith the Preliminary Amendment for the divisional application. No claim fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required due fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.